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Applicants respectfully hereby provide the attached copy of the below identified document that was unavailable at the time of the filing of the above-identified application.

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The above-identified application is a national phase application corresponding to International Application No. PCT/JP00/04192 filed 27 June 2000. At the time that the above-identified application was filed, Applicants provided a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report issued in the corresponding International Application on 20 August 2001 in the Japanese language. Since the filing of the above-identified application, Applicants have received a copy of an English language translation made by the International Bureau of the preliminary examination report established by the International Preliminary Examination Authority and a notification that that translation has been provided to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by the International Bureau.

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